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President's Message

The June 29 lecture by Donald Kagin at the Summer Whitman Show went well, although the attendance was disappointing. It is unclear whether that was a reflection of the show attendance, which was low even for a summer show, or whether it means we need to re-think how we market the event. There were no announcements made of the lecture until I went to the communications booth and asked that they do so.



Mr. Kagin did a reprise of his talk at the ANA Convention in Philadelphia in August. Many of us went to Philly for a day and some of our colleagues went for the entire week. We ran into Tom Palmer, who left the MSNA Board upon his retirement in 2008 when he relocated to Florida. Tom was riding a scooter in Philly—he is suffering from a neurological disorder and is coping as best he can. It was good to see him!

We all know that we are lucky to have three world-class coin shows in Baltimore annually—my impression is that the bourse floor at the Whitman Show equals that of the ANA shows. Where the ANA excels is the opportunity for visitors to attend club meetings and other events. On August 10, I attended the PCGS Set Registry Luncheon. Each attendee had a good lunch and came away with a book and an ungraded slabbed “sample” Gettysburg Quarter.

Kudos to the MSNA members and other Marylanders who earned awards at the ANA show—especially our Treasurer and Journal Editor Simcha Kuritzky, one of the most decorated exhibitors nationally, who once again took home several awards. Congratulations, Simcha!

Returning to Donald Kagin, he was kind enough to decline the honorarium offered by the MSNA for his talk, but asked that we use it to promote YN activities instead. I ask that the MSNA membership think of ways that our organization can use these funds to foster Young Numismatists programs held by member clubs, or the MSNA could undertake an effort independently.

Finally, I ask you to think about another issue—how the MSNA can continue to be relevant and what things we can do to assist and support the efforts of our member clubs? The Board has begun discussion of this issue and any input from the membership would be welcomed!

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Don Kagin on the Treasury Notes of the War of 1812

The fourth speaker in the Maryland State Numismatic Association (MSNA) annual Distinguished Lecturer series was Dr. Donald H. Kagin, one of the country's leading numismatists and numismatic researchers. He spoke on *Our Nation's First Circulating Currency: the Treasury Notes of the War of 1812* on June 29 at the Whitman Coin Expo. Over a dozen people attended his talk, which is based on a monograph to be published soon in ANA's *The Numismatist*. Many people also saw his exhibit on this exceptionally rare material from two separate collections. Following is a brief synopsis of his talk.



To finance its operations, the infant United States was heavily dependent on foreign loans, mostly from Holland. Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton founded the Bank of the United States in 1791 to manage these loans and to serve as a central bank. Its charter ended in 1811. The former colonies were averse to direct taxes based on their experience under the British Crown, and paper currency based on the depreciation of the Continental Currency. Federal income was almost exclusively from customs duties. When war broke out with England, trade was hurt, reducing income, while expenditures rose. With no central bank, the United States was forced to issue small bonds for investors. The first bonds were issued in June, 1812 in \$100 and \$1000 denominations paying 5.4% interest (1½ cents/day for \$100). These were very successful. Most were probably bought by banks to use as reserves, and some were bought at a premium. They were also good for payment of taxes. The bonds expired in one year and almost all were redeemed. The second series in 1813, third series in early 1814 (which included \$20 bonds), and fourth series in late 1814 were heavily discounted as fears rose that the U.S. might lose the war. Speculators, like Nathan Mayer Rothschild, made a handsome profit. Coins had also disappeared from commerce, so the fifth issue of February, 1815 included non-interest

bearing small denominations of 3, 5, 10, 20, and 50 dollars. These were very successful, partly because there wasn't much in the way of alternatives, and partly because the U.S. won the war shortly before the bonds became available. These notes were the first circulating paper money of the federal republic, even though they were not legal tender.

As even \$3 was a lot of money in 1815, only one note was saved from circulation; the rest were converted into 7% interest-bearing bonds. There are about 150 different proofs, remainders and cancelled notes in collections. Some of these may have been given to banks to use as counterfeit detectors. Many of the proofs are printed on thick card stock while regular notes are printed on thin bond paper with colored threads. There are also a few uncut sheets of 2 or 3 notes on both kinds of paper. Over two-thirds of the surviving notes are of the fifth series. There are no known examples of the second series. Dr. Kagin hopes to set up additional exhibits, so more of the collecting public can view these very rare and historic notes.

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MSNA at Sailabration

by Frank Murphy

As the crowds enjoyed the tall ships and reveled in the party-like atmosphere, and the Blue Angels thundered overhead, the MSNA had a presence at Baltimore's Inner Harbor during the Sailabration Events on June 14-17, 2012.

A portion of the proceeds from sales of the Star Spangled Banner (SSB) Commemorative Coins will help fund the Sailabration activities. The "Star Spangled 200" folks (producers of the Sailabration Events) set up a tent in the Inner Harbor during Sailabration to sell the silver proof version of the coins. Purchasers were able to receive the coin right away and to save on shipping charges. Michele Coiron from the Star Spangled 200 folks had reached out to me as MSNA President to provide a presence to answer numismatic questions which also provided us an opportunity to publicize the coin clubs and the upcoming Whitman Show. Michele was a good "walking advertisement" as she was wearing a necklace she had had made using a proof SSB coin. The effort was a success – they sold over 500 coins!



Michelle shows off her necklace at right. Above the entire sales team man the coin booth.

I want to thank Don Curtis, Bryce Doxzon and Scott Barman who joined me on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, respectively. We enjoyed engaging the steady stream of people who came to ask questions, to purchase the silver proof SSB coin, or to learn how to purchase the silver uncirculated or the gold coins on line from the Mint. The most

frequently asked question was “what is a proof?” We gave away a number of flyers for the Baltimore, Catonsville, Montgomery County, and MD TAMS clubs, and enjoyed interacting with people from Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, New Jersey, the District of Columbia and even some states further away.



At right is an actor playing Francis Scott Key. Above MSNA Secretary Bryce Doxzon gives away coin periodicals and club brochures.



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Breaking news: we will host an auction of the Vincent W. Alones collection of early U.S. copper coins on Saturday evening, September 29, 2012. There will be 250 to 300 lots of colonials, half cents, and large cents—fresh material that has not been on the market for over 50 years, including many pedigreed coins.

Betts Washington Copper Dies & Struck Copies

by George J. Fuld

About 1862, the young Charles Wyllys Betts manufactured various imaginary tokens and medals which were struck mostly in lead from copper hand-engraved dies. Two listings of what Betts offered for sale exist. The first is a private sale by C. Wyllys Betts in 1864 listing some 22 pieces. This is printed out in its entirety by Taxay in *Counterfeit Mis-Struck and Unofficial U.S. Coins*. Pieces one to twenty are all copies of U.S. colonial coins, while numbers 21 and 22 are Washington medals. In W. E. Woodward's McCoy Sale of May, 1864, he published as a supplement to the sale a list of 45 pieces created by Betts. Six of the medals listed show Washington.



Figure 1

Baker 617

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His major creation was a medal for the New Haven Numismatic Society dated 1862, listed by W. S. Baker's *Medallic Portraits of Washington* as number 617 (Figure 1). It has a uniformed bust of Washington in a circle surrounded by eight other circles which picture the obverses and reverses of the Connecticut cent, Franklin Press cent, *Auctori Plebis* and Granby tokens. It is struck on a 44mm flan from hand-cut dies in very low relief. Eleven specimens are known. The addendum lists the current census of the Baker 617 medal.

Baker lists two other lead Betts creations: Baker 86 and 87. The Baker 86 medal has an undraped bust of Washington to the right with a reverse showing U.S.A. in the center, surrounded by the inscription THE DEFENDER OF LIBERTY (Figure 2). This lead medal is number 29 in the McCoy supplement of 1864. Three copies are known, the Norweb specimen (lot 2088 which sold for \$12,650 in 2006), one at the Massachusetts Historical Society (MHS), and one at the Smithsonian.



Figure 2

Baker 86

The Baker 87 medal has a bust right with the inscription GEORGE WASHINGTON. The reverse has in five lines, THE HERO OF / TRENTON, / PRINCETON, / GLOUCESTER, / YORKTOWN / &C. The lead strike of this medal was number 30 in the McCoy supplement of 1864. Apparently there are three specimens known. First is a specimen in Bowers & Merena and PCAC's David Dreyfuss Collection, April 12, 1986, lot 5614 where it was not even illustrated. The buyer got a great bargain at \$195.50. Second is a piece listed in Mrs. Norweb's inventory as 21574, but it was not in the Stack's Norweb Auction of 2006. The third known is in the MHS collection, which originally was in the 1864 McCoy auction as lot 2348 and purchased by William Sumner Appleton.

The dies for Baker 87 are owned by the American Numismatic Society (ANS), accession number 1950.115.63. It was one of a large group of Betts dies donated to the ANS in 1950 by the late Frederick C. C. Boyd. Betts wrote in a letter to Edouard Frossard:

It was sometime before I acquired sufficient skill to make impression in any metal but lead. The dies were cut in copper or sometimes brass, and were so soft as to be often destroyed in the attempt to stamp upon copper or silver. I believe that my first successful impression upon copper was from dies having the obverse of the 'Nova Eborac' and the reverse, 'Immune Columbia'.

The dies were cut upon coins of the halfpenny size, either worn smooth or filed away on one side. My only tools were an awl for cutting the letters and the outlines of the figures, and a knife for gouging out the broader parts of the designs. When the cutting was finished each die was heated white hot and dipped in cold water. A third smooth copper of the half-penny size was then heated and placed between the dies, and the three, being quickly

rolled together in sheet lead, from a tea box, to prevent them from slipping, were pounded upon an anvil with a six-pound dumb-bell. The heating process gave an air of antiquity to the pieces.

Unfortunately, someone, about 1862, presented me with a set of letters (i.e. punches) and several engraving tools, and in learning the use of them I made a great number of store cards and medallions, most of which are unique, and all, I think, in the Yale College collection.

There are ten copper "dies" alluding to Washington at the ANS by C. Wyllys Betts from the donation of F. C. C. Boyd. Taxay in *Counterfeit Mis-Struck and Unofficial U.S. Coins* reproduces the May 1864 public sale by Betts, where he offered 22 lots of "colonial" coins. Coin number 21 has a five-pointed star with COMMANDER OF THE ARMIES OF VIRGINIA. The dies for this "unique" coin are listed as ANS accession number 1950.115.39. The dies were engraved over a draped bust cent of 1796-1807. A struck copy of this medal was number 1 in the McCoy supplement of 1864.

The other Betts Washington dies are delineated below. NOTE: All legends engraved by hand or made by punches are in mirror image.

- Accession no. 1950.115.10. Bust of Washington to left. Obverse legend WASHINGTON BORN FEB. 22. 1732. Reverse Blank. Weight 12.817 grams.
- Accession no. 1950.115.11. Bust of Washington to the right. Obverse legend GEORGE WASHINGTON. Reverse, FIRST PRESIDENT. Engraved on a Portugal Joseph I 10 reis 1751-76 KM243. Weight 12.153 grams.
- Accession no. 1950.115.18. Bust of Washington to the right, legend CARUS MEMORIAE (Precious Memory). Weight 10.952 grams.
- Accession no. 1950.115.26. Bust of Washington to the left dividing legend WASH INGTON. Engraved on a draped bust large cent 1796-1807. Weight 9.429 grams.
- Accession no. 1950.115.27. Two perpendicular ships outside a harbor, legend GEORGE WASHINGTON. Engraved on a United States large cent of 1853. Weight 9.909 grams.

- Accession no. 1950.115.48. Obverse around GEORGE WASHINGTON. Engraved on a United States large cent dated 1847. Weight 9.789 grams.
- Accession no. 1950.115.60. Wreath on obverse, legend FIRST / PRESIDENT / OF THE / UNITED / STATES inside. Reverse blank. Weight 25.432 grams.
- Accession no. 1950.115.62. Nude bust of Washington left in raised circle. Legend around AMOR PATRIAE VINCIT (Love of Country Wins). Reverse blank. Weight 38.815 grams. See cover photo.

The above pieces represent the dies for Betts' Washington creations. Two medals struck from these dies are mentioned above. Three other Washington struck copies from the McCoy list are as follows:

- McCoy number 22. Obv. two ships sailing, GEORGE WASHINGTON Rev. PAYABLE TO JOHN KEDRIG T.O.O.E.W.T.T.W.N. "Silver, very fine, unique. Such a piece is known to have been issued in 1794, but no original is in existence." This medal was also listed as number 22 in Betts private sale of 1864. The meaning of the nine initial string is not known.
- McCoy number 27. "Washington medal, Bust to right. Rev. - American and English shields, thirteen stars, 'Liberty'. Lead, cast, none struck, only two in existence. Size 32."
- McCoy number 28. "Washington medal. Obv. - Bust to right. Rev. - Oak wreath, no inscription, tin, very fine - unique. Size 26."

Taxay notes that Betts stated he donated lead (white metal or tin) impressions from all copper dies to Yale University libraries circa 1865. We have been unable to verify that the impressions are there.

Betts created one piece that drew wide attention from 1864 to 1878: the so-called Novum Belgium creation dated 1623 (Figure 3). In the November 1877 issue of his paper *Numisma*, Frossard announced the discovery of the rare Novum Belgium issue. J. W. Scott, in the December issue of *The Coin Collector's Journal* editorial carefully points out why the Novum Belgium piece is a fantasy. Again, Frossard in his March 1878 *Numisma* editorial lays out the case calling this a genuine issue. Taxay in his 1963 book discusses this fantasy in great detail. The present whereabouts of the Novum Belgium copy is not known.

*Figure 3*

*Novum
Belgium
fantasy*

ADDENDUM - Census of Baker 617 medal created by C. Wyllys Betts:

1. M. H. Bolender Auction, June 11, 1932, lot 302 at 75 cents.
2. Mayflower Coin Auctions, November 14, 1959, lot 1339.
3. ANS Accession no. 1965.212.6.
4. NASCA The Kessler-Spangenberg Sale, April 28-29, 1981, lot 1910 at \$345.
5. PCAC #41. The Dr. Paul Patterson Sale, September, 1985, lot 341. Ex PCAC #44 The Paul Magriel Collection, June 25, 1988, lot 90.
6. Stack's May Auction Sale, May 5-6, 1993, lot 151. Ex Stack's Gilbert Steinberg Collection, May 6, 1992, lot 178. Ex George M. Parsons Sale by Henry Chapman, June 24, 1914, lot 933 (with original ticket).
7. PCAC #60 Auction Sixty, June 21, 1996, lot 177 at \$161.
8. Coin Galleries The Jack Collins Collection part 3, November 6, 1996, lot 2845.
9. American Numismatic Rarities The Lake Michigan & Springdale Collections, June 21-23, 2006, lot 767 at \$253.
10. PCAC #78 James Thompson Sale, June 7, 2008, lot 111 at \$1,380.
11. Jeff Shelton Collection purchased circa 2003.

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Local News



The new officers for the **Colonial Coin Club** (pictured above, left to right) are Vice President Ed Taylor, Secretary **Hank Schab**, President **Rod Frederick**, and Treasurer **Buddy Houghton**. The club meets monthly at the Annapolis Library at 1410 West Street (Route 450) from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. President Rod Frederick is scheduled to speak at their September 17 meeting, and **Bob Meck** on October 15. The club is planning a fiftieth anniversary celebration next year, and also cosponsors two coin shows annually. They have 25-30 members attending meetings, including one founding member, Hank Schab, who is 96. The ANA gave him two literary awards in 1985 for his research on John Chalmers. For more information, call 410-757-5215 or 410-268-1396.



MSNA Secretary **Bryce Doxzon**'s exhibit on the Pennsylvania State Memorial medal with original die won third place in Regional Numismatics at the ANA World's Fair of Money. MSNA Member **Sandra Emme**'s exhibit "The View From Mr. Franklin's Window" won third place in Medals. MSNA Treasurer and Editor **Simcha Kuritzky**'s exhibit on Redemption of the Firstborn Son won second place in Tokens; his exhibit on Dutch-Israeli Gold Fantasy Coins won second place in Gold; and a new exhibit on ANA First-Place exhibit award medals won first place in Modern. Simcha's article "A Stellar Type Set" which appeared in *The Numismatist* in January won an extraordinary merit award from the Numismatic Literary Guild (NLG).

The **Washington Numismatic Society** held its semi-annual pot-luck dinner in June. Noted local author Roger Burdette spoke on 1942 pattern cents on odd materials including rubber and plastic.

MSNA life member Julian Leidman spoke at the **Montgomery County Coin Club** in June on the current coin market. He was featured in a June 11 *Washington Post* article on coin thefts. MSNA editor **Simcha Kuritzky** described how to put up an award-winning coin exhibit at the July meeting, and a panel of members who attended the ANA World's Fair of Money talked about their experiences in August. On September 11, MCCC will show the History Channel video *Fort Knox: Secrets Revealed*. On October 9, **Shawn Weiksner** will show and discuss his hand-made, wood-carved 50-State Quarter display which won in the 2012 Montgomery County Fair's Arts and Crafts Division.



Past President Jack Schadeegg and Vice President Scott Barman at the MSNA table at the ANA World's Fair of Money in Philadelphia

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Young Numismatist Opportunities

Distinguished Speaker Donald Kagin donated his \$500 honorarium to establish a YN Fund within MSNA. The Board is now considering a number of options of how to disburse this money. One would be to hold an essay contest where relatives of MSNA members who are 17 or younger write why they would like to attend the ANA Summer Seminar, and the winner would receive a \$500 tuition stipend from MSNA (currently tuition is almost \$600, which does not include transportation, meals, and lodging). Alternatively, we could donate the money to the ANA's Florence Schook School of Numismatics. The Board would prefer to donate the funds to member clubs to assist with on-going or new YN programs. Please contact the editor if your club has a proposal on how to use these funds. If we do utilize the funds internally, it is likely that future speakers will donate their honoraria and the YN Fund could become part of MSNA's mission.

For example, the Baltimore Coin Club held a Young Numismatist night August 16th. Attending were a Boy Scout Troop, YNs from the Baltimore Coin Club and from the Catonsville Coin Club. BCC provided gifts as well as conducted a special YN coin auction using play money. Last June, the Montgomery County Coin Club held a Boy Scouts Coin Collecting Merit Badge Workshop meeting.

Heritage Auctions already holds a YN essay contest four times annually. The prize is \$750, which can be used towards tuition at the Summer Seminar or correspondence courses, or used at the ANA book store or in YN auctions. The essay contest is open to all students, ages 8-18. Essays should be 350-500 words, the topic can be anything related to numismatics, and there is no limit to the number of different entries by one individual. Those who are interested can contact Heritage Auctions by email (Korver@HA.com) or by U.S. mail at Bob Korver (YN Essay Contest), Heritage Auctions, 3500 Maple Ave., Dallas TX 75219.



Coin Show Security

by Col. Steve Ellsworth

Every year, coin dealer Steve Ellsworth compiles a list of the best secured coin shows. During 2011, he attended 46 coin shows where he paid particular attention and evaluated the various types of security that are provided to both dealers and the public. In addition, he received numerous reports from across the nation from coin dealers, collectors and crime-incident reports from the media and law enforcement sources. Incidents included a murder, several home invasions, numerous roadside robberies and show-event thefts, several armed robberies and assaults that resulted in shootings. He pointed out that during 2011, there was an escalation in the number of crimes affecting numismatics. Many were due to dealer/collector lapses, or lack of their own security procedures.

“The level of violence and brazenness of criminals continues to escalate,” Ellsworth stated. As in previous years, the single greatest risk to a dealer or collector is being followed after a coin show or event, who then leaves their coins in an unattended vehicle. “I have continually advised against this action for over 20 years; yet, it still leads as the single largest incident for numismatic losses,” Ellsworth said. The loss through theft is mentally traumatic and usually an enormous financial drain on its victims. Some dealers are virtually wiped out and a collector who has his entire collection stolen usually quits the hobby.

Very few dealers and even fewer collectors spend the time and money needed to actually minimize the risks associated with our hobby and even fewer make the effort to train for it, according to Ellsworth. “It is up to every dealer to have a written plan on how he will handle the array of security threats,” he stressed. “Many dealers tell me they are real careful when they are transporting coins. To which I ask, what is your plan if this or that threat occurs? In nearly all cases they have not thought that far ahead and have no idea what they will do,” Ellsworth said.

This past summer, the ANA taught a course on professional coin security which included role playing and case studies, and covered transporting, storing, and selling coins. It also discusses the legal ramifications of weapon use. In addition to Col. Ellsworth, instructors included a deputy sheriff and professional crime documenter.

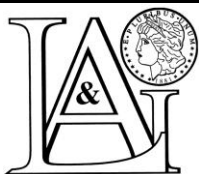
The shows with the best security in 2011 (in alphabetical order) were:

Alabama Numismatic Association, Bessemer, AL
Bay State Coin Show (C4), Boston, MA
Blue Ridge Numismatic Association, Dalton, GA
Florida United Numismatists convention, Tampa, FL
Georgia State Numismatic Association, Dalton, GA
Long Beach Coin Expo, Long Beach, CA
Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists, Monroeville, PA
North Carolina Numismatic Association (NCNA), Hickory, NC
Texas Numismatic Association (TNA), Fort Worth, TX
Upstate South Carolina Coin Show, Spartanburg SC
Virginia Beach Coin Show, Virginia Beach, VA
Wasatch Winter Coin Club, Salt Lake City, UT
Weyers Cave, VA
Whitman Baltimore Coin & Currency Convention, Baltimore, MD

These are the common elements found at all these shows:

1. Unloading and loading of the convention center is supervised by police, as is dealer set up and tear down.
2. Law enforcement personnel continually walk the show floor.
3. Registration and name tags are required for all attendees.

Long Beach Coin Expo's show space has catwalks that allow police to watch from on high, and include a special security network. NCNA's police escort the dealers to their vehicles during breakdown. Good security includes both uniformed personnel (can be either police, off-duty police, or private security) as a deterrent and plain-clothes personnel to apprehend surprised criminals. Security should be tightest at entrances/exits, but also needs to monitor the floor, even over night.



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What's Your Sign?

Part Fifteen: Roy Booker's Winter Sign Medals

by Simcha Kuritzky, NLG

The Capricorn medal is the only one with two different sigils, and only the lettering size varies between the different versions.

1. Obv. Sigil at top looks similar to a flat topped 3. No stars, short grass. Rev. Four leaves of clover are all separate, stars above SELF RELIANT.

2. Obv. Sigil like #1 but stars on either side, medium grass. Rev. Same as #1.

3. Obv. Sigil at top looks similar to a V. Rev. Clover leaves meet in center, folds defined. Lettering at top above central text. Stars on either side of SELF RELIANT at middle.

4. Obv. Same as #3. Rev. Clover like #3, stars at top of SELF RELIANT.

5. Obv. Same as #3. Rev. Clover like #1, wide space between two central lines of text, stars above SELF RELIANT. Also in aluminum.



Obv #1



Obv #2



Obv #3



Rev #1



Rev #3



Rev #4



Rev #5

Aquarius

1. Obv. AQUARIUS at top left near man's head. The 19 is the same height as the winged foot. Rev. Thin, wide horseshoe. Clover with well-defined folds and four leaves meet in center. Wide lettering.

2. Obv. Same as #1. Rev. Thick, narrow horseshoe. Narrow lettering. Also in aluminum.
3. Obv. Similar to #1 but the 19 is the above the winged foot. Rev. Same as #1.
4. Obv. AQUARIUS left below man's head. Rev. Four leaves of clover are all separate. Lettering is very wide and is close to edge lettering.
5. Obv. Large AQUARIUS at very top with no stars. Rev. Same as #4.
6. Obv. Small AQUARIUS at very top one star on either side. Rev. Same as #4 but thicker lettering.
7. Obv. Small AQUARIUS at very top, three stars at left and two at right, date horizontal at right. Rev. Clover with no internal veins or folds but connecting in middle.



Obv #1



Obv #3



Obv #4



Obv #5



Obv #6



Obv #7



Rev #1



Rev #2



Rev #4



Rev #7

Some Aquarius medals were sold in an envelope with the following inscriptions:

AQUARIUS**Your Astrological Reading, Jan. 21 Thru Feb. 19.**

Aquarians have the faculty of seeing through people's designs, and will speedily discern their nature and character and gauge their secret plans and feelings. From every side much sympathy and readiness to help will usually be experienced, so much so that enterprises often succeed without much personal share in them. The mental and intellectual faculties strengthened and the mind is very active. They have a desire for a large circle of cultured and intellectual acquaintances. The love-nature inclines more to romanticism, to the ideal, but platonic attachments however do not come up to the expectations of the Aquarians. The Individuality of Aquarians is ruled by the Sun, Personality by the Moon, Mentality by Mercury and Love-nature by Venus. YOUR COLOR is light green. BIRTHSTONE amethyst. METAL uranium. FLOWER violet.

FAMOUS AQUARIANS

Abraham Lincoln - Franklin D. Roosevelt - Thomas Edison - Clark Gable

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Pisces

1. Obv. Small PISCES at left with no stars, starting at shoulder height, Woman with 1930s hairdo sitting on two fish facing right, behind is fish facing left with head hidden. Water waves fill entire bottom third of medal. Large sigil at left at same height as R. 21. Rev. Clover's four leaves are separate with no detail. Lettering and horseshoe are wide. Top inscription starts and ends lower than first line of central text, and bottom inscription starts and ends higher than bottom line of central text.
2. Obv. Same as #1 except PISCES at left has one star before and three stars after. Sigil drops below date at right. Rev. Like #1 but with stars on either side.
3. Obv. Like #1 except PISCES at left is large and starts below woman's breasts. Waves are sparse and fishes tails disappear (could be the result of die polishing). Rev. Same as #1. Also in aluminum.
4. Obv. Like #1 except sigil is at left beneath PISCES. Rev. Same as #1.
5. Obv. Like #1 except waves don't completely reach bottom rim. Rev. Top and bottom inscription is tiny and barely reaches central inscription. Central lettering is narrow, space between lines about as thick as lettering lines. Clover leaves meet in center, folds visible.
6. Obv. Like #5 except only waves at left by fish's tail touch bottom rim. Rev. Same as #5.
7. Obv. Like #5 except no waves touch bottom rim. Rev. Like #5 except spacing between central inscription lines almost non-existent.



Obv #1



Obv #2



Obv #3



Obv #4



Obv #7



Rev #1



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8 Sept. – Middle River Coin Club Show, Victory Villa Community Center, Martin Blvd & Compass Road, Baltimore, MD; 10-3.

16 Sept. – Annapolis Coin and Currency Show, Knights of Columbus Hall, 2590 Solomon's Island Road (Route 2), Edgewater, MD; 9-4:30.

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23 Sept. – Baltimore Area Numismatic Coalition Show, Holiday Inn, 1100 Cromwell Bridge Road, Towson, MD; 9-4. 410-256-1832 evening.

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21 Oct. – Westminster Fire Hall Coin and Currency Show, Westminster Fire Hall, 28 John Street, Westminster, MD; 9-4:30.

21 Oct. – Cambridge Coin Show, American Legion Post 91 Sunburst Highway (Route 50), Cambridge, MD; 11-5. Door prizes.

27-28 Oct. – CEO Coins, Currency & Treasurers Ocean City Show, Ocean City (Roland E. Powell) Convention Center, 4001 Ocean Highway & 40th Street, Ocean City, MD; Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-4.

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